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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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Everlasting Life Now!

By Evangelist John R. Rice, Editor, Wheaton, Illinois

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."—John 5:24.

Here is one of the greatest verses in the Bible. It says, plainly and emphatically, that one can, in a moment, by trusting Christ, get eternal salvation and never lose it! I beg you, read the verse again and see for yourself. Then let us study together this marvelous, life-assuring verse from the lips of Jesus Christ, recorded in the Word of God in John, chapter five, verse twenty-four.

No Salvation Without God's Word

Do you want to be saved? Or if you are saved, do you want to win others to Christ and salvation? Then read the requirement here—he who is to have everlasting life is "he that heareth my word." No one is ever saved who does not hear the Gospel, who does not learn certain truths of the Bible.

Paul said, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Rom. 1:16). The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to those who trust Christ and is as essential to Jew as to Greek, to everyone. People are not saved without the Gospel.

What is the Gospel? Well, the Apostle Paul, by divine inspiration, defines the Gospel as the good news, "... that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day

according to the scriptures" (I Cor. 15:3, 4). Certain essential facts, given in the Scriptures, one must hear or read to be saved. These facts are:

1. We are all hopeless sinners, so bad that we are lost and cannot save ourselves.

2. Christ died in our stead, bore the punishment for our sins, paid our debt, is our Substitute, making atonement for us.

3. Christ rose from the dead, proving His deity, and lives today to make intercession for us in Heaven.

4. This death of Christ for our sins, and His glorious, miraculous resurrection were, as those verses in I Corinthians 15:3, 4 say twice, "according to the scriptures."

So one must hear the Gospel, the Word of Christ and of God in the Scriptures, to be saved.

That is why I Peter 1:23 says of Christians, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." Then verse 25 says, "And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you."

At a service in Washington, D. C., a Catholic woman stayed after a service to talk to me, the first time she had ever attended a Protestant service. In answer to her questions, I showed her I Timothy 2:5, 6, that there is one God and one mediator, and that

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By the Late

Dr. Harry F. MacArthur

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(Went to be with the Lord February 28, 1950)

"Also now, behold, my witness is in Heaven, and my record is on high."—Job 16:19.

Years ago I was invited to the home of a Christian medical man in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. After dinner we retired to the drawing room. Since I had so recently found the Saviour, we were, naturally, talking about the things of God. In the course of the conversation, my friend mentioned certain outstanding evangelists whom he had heard, including the saintly J. Wilbur Chapman. I made the remark that I wished so often that I had had the privilege of hearing those mighty servants of Jesus Christ. At that comment, my host walked over to his new Edison phonograph and placed thereon a record. Although Wilbur Chapman was at that time present with the Lord, having passed on a year or two before this, I was able to hear his voice, reproduced, of course, as he read the Scriptures bearing on the trial of Jesus Christ, and concluding with a brief prayer to his heavenly Father. It was all so real that one would have thought that Chapman was personally in the room with us.

In the light of present-day advancement in science, that was a somewhat homely illustration, but often when I dwell upon this subject of records in relation to our eternal responsibility, my mind instinctively goes back to this early experience, for it made this truth so real. Edison, the great inventor, years before his decease had cylinder records of the speeches and songs of great men, practically all of whom have since passed away. The making of transcription records is now one of our big modern-day enterprises. It is used not only for entertainment, but for educational instruction. It is used as a method of study in almost every branch of education, and as a result the modern child will not find it necessary to pore over dry textbooks as of yore. Instead, much of their information, and increasingly so, will be passed on to them through the medium of transcription records and tape and wire recorders.

Dr. Irwin Moon, the preacher scientist, has a machine that records the human voice on a very fine magnetized wire. He has the people in his congregation speak into this instrument, and then as he runs the wire through another

apparatus, all that has been spoken into the machine and registered on the magnetized wire comes back as clearly and plainly as originally spoken. Indeed, this is a day of record making. We have police records; we have fingerprint records. Periodically the government takes the census in order to record the pertinent facts of every individual who lives in the United States. So we could go on, ad infinitum.

Nature is also making its record. Many years ago it was claimed that nature recorded every word spoken, and some even went so far as to say that they fully believed that had we the proper instruments, we might even as late as this, pick out of the air and reproduce Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. They insist that it is still in the atmosphere. We now have the radio, projecting voices across the length and breadth of the world. Who would dare to say what might or might not be done in the future? As we add to this the advance made and being made in television, we are more and more impressed.

Many years ago, I had the privilege of meeting Dr. Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone. I am reminded of an incident in connection with his earlier experiences in trying to market his invention. He found it hard to arouse interest in it, and harder still to enlist any capital. Finally, in desperation, he went to the well-known Chauncey DePew, and offered him a one-sixth interest in his invention if he would invest ten thousand dollars in it. DePew took a week to consider it, and ultimately wrote back as follows: Dear Mr. Bell:

The incident is closed. That telephone is a clever idea, but it is utterly lacking in commercial possibilities. Ten thousand dollars is far too much to risk in marketing an instrument that, at best, can never be more than a source of amusement.

We cannot be too sure of what may or may not be done along certain scientific lines in the future. Our scientific friend, Dr. Irwin Moon, drew from his experiment and demonstration with the machine referred to a moment ago, the fact that nature is recording every word spoken. It is recorded, so he says, in the air, in the trees, even in the wood-work in our homes.

Memory is another record that is being made. Psychologists tell us that memory records our acts like a photographer who exposes his plates in the sunshine, and then six months or six years afterwards, can develop them in the darkness. So memory, under special treatment, can reproduce everything that it has ever known, for we never forget; we just seem to forget. Many times in a de-

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What About the Seventh-Day Adventists?

Have They Really Changed Their Creed?

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IS IT TRUE what they are saying about the Seventh-Day Adventists? Many puzzled, truth-loving Christian believers are today earnestly asking this question. They want to obtain the facts about such relevant matters as the following:

FIRST. Are the recently publicized "findings" of two or three editors identified with certain evangelical periodicals—so-styled "discoveries" which, according to these writers, "prove" the creed of the Adventists now to be essentially in agreement with the Word of God—substantiated by incontestable evidence?

SECOND. Has it been positively established that century-old, Bible-conflicting doctrines of the Adventists have at last been officially "righted," as has been asserted? In other words, have these serious heresies been openly, unreservedly, and permanently repudiated by responsible leaders of the sect—the one

and only way to "right" them?

THIRD. Is it so, as is being claimed, that this long-distrusted, quite generally denounced and shunned religious movement is today a bona fide, generally orthodox Christian denomination?

Readers who are anxious to learn the truth about these matters—those lovers of truth who want to be sure if the Seventh-Day Adventists have really changed their creed, and who also want to know for certain if, as a religious body, the Adventists are now soundly evangelical—are urged to read this article both thoughtfully and prayerfully. In it will be found a clear, candid, true-to-fact answer to these questions. And in view of the widespread confusion

which prevails in connection with the present controversy (with its attendant grave spiritual dangers) (Continued on page 6)



E. B. Jones

OUR OWN

"If I had known in the morning How wearily all the day

The words unkind
Would trouble my mind
I said when you went away,
I had been more careful, darling,
Nor given you needless pain,
But we vex 'our own'
With look and tone
We may never take back again.

"For though in the quiet evening
You may give me the kiss of peace,
Yet it might be
That never for me
The pain of the heart should cease.
How many go forth in the morning,
That never come home at night!
And hearts have broken
For harsh words spoken,
That sorrow can ne'er set right.

"We have careful thoughts for the stranger,
And smiles for the transient guest,
But oft for 'our own'
The bitter tone,
Though we love 'our own' the best.
Ah, lips with the curve impatient!
Ah, brow with that look of scorn!
'Twere a cruel fate,
Were the night too late
To undo the work of morn."

Author unknown

SUNDAY OR SABBATH

Which Should
Christians Observe?

A Bible answer to Seventh Day Adventists, proving that the Sabbath was first made known at Mount Sinai as a part of the Mosaic Law, was never commanded or observed before that, is never commanded even once in the New Testament; that the Sabbath is ceremonial law, not moral, was given as a special sign to Israel; that the New Testament plainly warns Christians against keeping the Sabbath. Shows Jewish Sabbath, Saturday, pictures man's works; Sunday, the Lord's day, pictures salvation by grace.

Ordinances of
Ceremonial Law
**MEAT
DRINK
HOLY DAY
NEW MOON
SABBATH
DAYS**

"Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

"Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

"Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ"

(Colossians 2:14, 16, 17)

by Evangelist
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Many honest people are greatly confused about the Sabbath question. The trouble here, as in the case of other doctrines, is because many follow human leadership and tradition instead of the Word of God. Seventh Day Adventists say that the Sabbath is the seventh day and that all Christian people ought to keep the seventh day as a day of rest and worship. Some even go so far as to say that salvation depends upon the Old Testament Sabbath and that "the mark of the beast" mentioned in Revelation is keeping Sunday instead of Saturday as a day of rest and worship! Another group of men answer back that since the resurrection of Christ, the Sabbath is changed from the seventh day to the first day and that now all Christians ought to observe Sunday as a day of rest and worship. These call Sunday "the Christian

Sabbath," call Sunday School "the Sabbath School," and believe that all the commands in the Old Testament about the Sabbath, or Saturday, the seventh day of the week, ought to be applied to Sunday, the first day of the week.

BOTH ARE MISTAKEN as you will soon see from the Scripture. We may be sure that the Bible has a very clear teaching on this subject and that when we are willing to search the Word of God and take God at His word we can know without doubt God's will for us concerning this and other necessary matters of Bible doctrine and Christian life. The Bible does not say that Christians should observe the Sabbath today. The Bible says nothing about "the mark of the beast" being the observation of Sunday. On the other hand, the Bible certainly does not

call Sunday "the Christian Sabbath" nor any other kind of Sabbath.

The Old Testament Sabbath Is the Seventh Day

Exodus 20:10 plainly says, "But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God." Concerning this there can be no differences of opinion. In some languages the word for Sabbath means seventh. The Sabbath of rest followed six days of labor and was counted the last day of the week. Saturday is the Old Testament Sabbath.

The Sabbath Is an Old Testament and Not a New Testament Command

The average Bible student has strangely missed this fact: the Sabbath is a part of Mosaic Law and was never given to anybody but Jews under the law. Many preachers who would not think of urging Gentile congregations to observe the command about circumcision or to refrain from pork and catfish, yet sincerely preach to them, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy."

Such preachers mean, "Remember Sunday, to keep it holy" and call Sunday the Sabbath. However, there is no more command for Christians to keep the Sabbath than there is for Christians to avoid pork or catfish or to be circumcised. Read very carefully the scriptural proof which I will now give you and get the matter settled in your heart.

First, in the entire New Testament there is not a single command to observe the Sabbath. Every other one of the Ten Commandments is repeated in the New Testament (some many times), with the exception of the Sabbath. Of all the sins mentioned in the New Testament, Sabbath-breaking is never once mentioned as a sin! Jesus did not command His disciples to keep the Sabbath. He was repeatedly called into question on this matter of the Sabbath and never once asked the public to observe the Sabbath. In fact, we are told in John 5:18 that the

Jews, rigorous Sabbath-keepers that they were, sought to kill Jesus—

"Because he not only HAD BROKEN THE SABBATH, but said also that God was His Father making himself equal with God."

Jews hated Jesus because He Himself did not keep the Jewish Sabbath. In rebuking them for their criticism when the disciples gathered grain to eat on the Sabbath (Matt. 12:1-8), Jesus referred them to the Scripture, "I desired mercy, and not sacrifice" (Hosea 6:6), and said that if they had understood that Scripture, they would not have condemned the guiltless. Jesus clearly meant that the Sabbath was a part of the ceremonial law, like the sacrifices, which was fulfilled in Jesus.

Jesus did not teach anybody to keep the Sabbath. This fact cannot be denied! The apostles did not teach the New Testament churches to observe the Sabbath. The council at Jerusalem, sending word to the Gentile converts as to what they should do, did not even mention the Sabbath (Acts 15:19-24). The books of Hebrews and James, written to dispersed Israel, do not even refer to the Sabbath as a day to be kept; and Paul in all his epistles to the churches never once intimated that Christians are to observe the Sabbath! The Sabbath is Old Testament, not New Testament. Make sure of this before you go any further.

The Sabbath Is Mosaic Law, Given to Israel Under the Law

As remarkable as is the absence of the Sabbath command in the New Testament is its absence before Mount Sinai in the Old Testament. Genesis 2:1-3 teaches that when God had finished creation He rested on the seventh day and blessed that day and sanctified it. But no command is given to man concerning that day either in the Garden of Eden or afterward until Mount Sinai. There is no record that God ever spoke to Adam or Enoch or Noah or Abraham about the Sabbath, nor that any of them ever observed it or ever heard of it! Remember that this passage here in Genesis 2:1-3 was not written until Moses wrote these first five books of the Bible under divine inspiration in the wilderness, after Mount Sinai. The first time the word Sabbath is used in the Bible is in Exodus 16:23, and men never heard of it until that time.

This is all the more remarkable when you remember that the people already had the week as a period of time (Gen. 29:27; Gen. 8:10-12). When you read about the incident in Exodus 16:23-36, it is quite clear that it was a strange new teaching to the people of Israel and that they had never observed it before.

Now we turn to Nehemiah 9:13-14 which says:

"Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgments and true laws, good statutes and commandments: and madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and commandest them precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses thy servant."

After recounting the oppression in Egypt and the crossing of the Red Sea, the Scriptures tell us that God came down upon Mount Sinai and "made known" to the people His holy Sabbath. The Sabbath, then, was a part of the Mosaic Law. It was not a previous command incorporated in the Mosaic Law, like marriage, the tithe, or even circumcision. No, the Sabbath was given to Israel as a part of the ceremonial law. It was "made known" on Mount Sinai! No man on earth ever heard of it before then.

This same teaching, that the Sabbath was first given or made known at Mount Sinai, is taught again in Ezekiel 20:10-12.

"Wherefore I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness. And I gave them my statutes, and shewed them my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them. Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them."

Notice carefully that the Lord

Himself says concerning Israel at Mount Sinai: "I gave them my sabbaths to be a sign between me and them." No man ever heard of the Sabbath before it was given to Israel as recorded in Exodus 16:23-36.

The Sabbath Given as a Special Sign to Israel

That matter was quite clear to Israel. On Mount Sinai the Lord revealed to Moses that this command was given to Israel as a special covenant between God and that nation. In Exodus 31:12, 13, 16, 17 the Lord says:

"And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep; for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you . . . Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. IT IS A SIGN BETWEEN ME AND THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL FOREVER: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed."

Ezekiel 20:12 repeats that explanation of the meaning of the Sabbath. It was a sign between God and Israel.

It becomes clear then by the plain and repeated teaching of God's Word, that the Sabbath is a command to Israel under Mosaic Law as a special sign or covenant between them and God and was never commanded to Gentiles in any dispensation.

When we speak of the Sabbath, then, we speak of the seventh day, Saturday, as the Old Testament command of ceremonial law to Jews.

New Testament Christians Plainly Warned Against Keeping the Sabbath

Now when we turn again to the New Testament, we find that instead of being commanded to keep the Sabbath, the keeping of the Sabbath is discouraged. In Colossians 2:14 we are told that Christ blotted out the hand-writing of ordinances, since that was against us, "and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross." Then we are plainly commanded in verses 16 and 17:

"Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, OR OF THE SABBATH DAYS: which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ."

Let no man judge you concerning the Sabbath days. That was a shadow which was all right until the coming of Christ, but now He is come and the shadow is fulfilled! Therefore no Seventh Day Adventist nor Jew has the right to pass judgment on any Christian concerning the Sabbath day. The command about the Sabbath day was nailed to the cross with the commands about certain meats and with the other ceremonial laws. God does not want Christians to observe the Jewish Sabbath and plainly says so.

In Galatians 4:8-11, Paul evidently refers to the same thing. The Galatian Christians had been led away into Judaism. Paul in this letter is urging them to break the old tie of Judaism, the "weak and beggarly elements" or "bondage" of Old Testament ceremonial law. In Galatians 4:10-11 he says:

"Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain."

The "DAYS" mentioned here were Sabbaths, part of the Old Testament ceremonial laws for Jews. Paul did not want New Testament Christians to be in bondage to the Old Testament Sabbath or other days, months, times and years of the ceremonial law.

Sunday Then Is Not "The Christian Sabbath"

You can easily see then that preachers are wrong who say that Sunday is the Christian Sabbath, or who say that the Sabbath has now been changed to the first day of the week. The word Sabbath, speaking of one particular day of each week, the regular Sabbath, as used in the Bible, always means

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THE EDITOR'S Notes

by John R. Rice

Thanks For Twenty-five Thousand Subscriptions! Although this note is written Monday, July 15, we are still overwhelmed with the flood of mail which closed our "Others" Subscription Campaign. It now appears, when all those special subscriptions are in and counted, that we will have had 25,000 subscriptions sent during the special offer. And so with humbly grateful hearts we thank our Heavenly Father! We believe that this is a special evidence of His loving favor. He wants THE SWORD OF THE LORD to stay like it is, preaching the Gospel, stirring people to win souls, defending the faith. Poor and weak as we are with many faults, the dear Lord has graciously blessed the subscription campaign and put it in the hearts of thousands of people to send subscriptions, new and renewal. So we here publicly give the praise to the Lord Jesus as we have thanked Him many times in our hearts here in THE SWORD OF THE LORD office.

And we thank all of you who have had part in the subscription campaign. Many have renewed your own subscriptions. Many have subscribed for others. Some have sent in gifts to send THE SWORD OF THE LORD to ministers and missionaries and shut-ins. We trust that every subscription was sent in Jesus' name, and we know that in that case it will be rewarded. We have the blessed promise in God's Word that, "... he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal. 6:8, 9). So those who send subscriptions for Jesus' sake will see some blessed results, we are sure. Thank you again, and God bless everyone who helped us to spread the Gospel and the defense of the faith and revival fires.

Yesterday in Detroit

Yesterday, July 14, it was the editor's great privilege to preach at Temple Baptist Church in Detroit. Dr. G. B. Vick, pastor. This is one of the biggest churches in the world with many thousands of members. Last year they baptized over fourteen hundred converts upon public profession of faith in Christ as Saviour. The Sunday School on this mid-Sunday of July was in the summer slump. It was down to a low of 3,802 in attendance! The average Sunday School attendance last year was 4,409, and on some occasions attendance reaches 5,000 actually present. The large auditorium

seats 4,000 in opera chairs, the choir some 400.

Dr. Vick and I are old friends since we worked together several years in Texas, long ago, and we have had fellowship occasionally since that time. He is the president of the Baptist Bible College, Springfield, Missouri, and influential particularly in the eight hundred churches associated with the Baptist Bible Fellowship.

It was blessed to see fourteen people coming forward Sunday morning, and one after the service. Some came surrendering to Christ as Saviour, and others came as backsliders or presenting themselves for membership in the church. In the evening service I think there were twenty-nine who came forward in a great moving of the Spirit. Some were coming to take Christ as Saviour, and others were coming to confess worldliness and sin, and with tears forsaking the sins and failures of the past. It was blessed to see troubled souls kneeling for clear instruction with the open Bible, for prayer, and then rising with glad assurance of salvation. We were greatly encouraged by the blessing of God upon the great Temple Baptist Church. Its property worth \$2,500,000 will be completely paid up, God willing, in two years or less. The auditorium, the Sunday School facilities are magnificently arranged and adapted for a great soul-winning church. Buildings are fireproof, commodious, beautiful but not extravagant.

How sound, Bible-believing churches over America do need to learn the ways and means of building great soul-winning churches and Sunday Schools like the Temple Baptist Church in Detroit! That is one reason for the conferences on revival and soul winning put on by The Sword of the Lord.

One Day at Home, Then Indianapolis

Today I will finish getting this issue of THE SWORD OF THE LORD ready, God willing, then tomorrow morning I fly to Indianapolis where I will be speaking for Brother Ford Porter and the Berean Gospel Temple on the tenth anniversary program. I will be there Tuesday and Wednesday, speaking five times. Other speakers include Dr. Clarence Jones, co-founder of Radio HCJB in Ecuador, Dr. Sam Morris, Dr. G. B. Vick, Missionary Fred Jarvis, and other noble men. Then after speaking Wednesday night, I will fly home, arriving near midnight to be met at the airport, and coming twenty-six miles home for more work.

Brother Ford Porter has done a marvelous work, particularly in the distribution of his eight-page tract, *God's Simple Plan of Salvation*. It has gone around the world. More than seventy million copies have been printed in thirty-nine languages, and in Braille for

the blind. We are glad to be with this noble man of God. For a sample copy of the tract, or to send a gift, you may write Rev. Ford Porter, President, Berean Gospel Distributors, Inc., Box 891, Indianapolis 6, Indiana.

Editor in Three Conferences

August 18-24 a Sword of the Lord Conference on Revival and Soul Winning takes place at the Cumberland Christian Retreat on the Bill Rice Ranch, Franklin Road, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Speakers include Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., on Monday night, and Dr. Lee Roberson two or three times on Friday. Dr. Bill Rice will be there through all the week, preaching several times, as will Evangelist Walt Handford and Joe B. Rice. Ellis Zehr will lead the singing; Rice Sisters will do specials. It is my privilege to be speaking daily Tuesday through Friday of that conference. Rates for this western-type conference are \$2 a day, \$12 a week in cabins, including meals; \$3 a day, \$18 a week in motel rooms with private bath. Write Dr. Bill Rice, Franklin Road, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, for reservations.

On Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, August 25-27, I will be speaking, God willing, at Faith Baptist Tabernacle, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Rev. Paul O. Raker, pastor. We hope many preachers and Christian workers will attend Faith Baptist Tabernacle, 2917 Woughton Street, Winston-Salem. There are services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Then back to Lake Louise, Toccoa, Georgia, for the great conference August 28 to September 2, Wednesday through Monday, Labor Day. In this large-scale conference, people will come from many states. Speakers include Dr. Lee Roberson, Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., Missionary Fred Jarvis, Rev. Harold Sighter, Evangelist Walt Handford, and this editor. I will be there for the entire time to preside and speak daily. Ellis Zehr will have charge of the music, and the Rice sisters will sing. There will be heavenly music, a deep moving of the Spirit, much rededication, confession, and waiting on God for revival and soul-winning power.

There is a great opportunity for young men and women to come and stay in the dormitories. Modest rates, meals and dormitory bunk are \$3.50 per day. Other rates, including meals, are \$4.50 per day per person in rooms with adjoining bath, \$5.50 per day for air-conditioned rooms with private bath. All prices include all meals.

Pastors, Please Get Together!

This unworthy editor is having far more calls than he can fill. After many, many invitations we are at last going to spend three days with Brother Paul O. Raker in Winston-Salem. I have many editorial burdens in THE SWORD OF THE LORD that compel me to stay at home some of the time. There are far more calls than I can fill. Dr. Bob Jones tells me that he is under continual pressure and so is Dr. Lee Roberson and other noble men of God who have been helping us in conferences on revival and soul winning. We cannot accept all the invitations. Therefore, let me urge pastors who believe the Bible and have a burden for soul winning and revival to get together wherever possible. I have asked beloved Dr. Jones to hold October open and some other dates this fall, for conferences sponsored by THE SWORD OF THE LORD. If several churches in your community will get together to help us sponsor a four-day conference on revival and soul winning, and will write suggesting a date agreeable to the brethren, I will give such a call preference over single church invitations. If Christian people will open their homes to out-of-town ministers to furnish sleeping accommodations, I will announce such conferences in THE SWORD OF THE LORD so preachers and Christian workers may come from far and near. We cannot hold the time open long. If brethren can arrange a big opportunity, we will get some of the very best soul winners, some of the builders of the strongest soul-winning churches in America for the program, and by God's blessing we can have a heavenly time of rededication and inspiration in learn-

Sunday or Sabbath . . .

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Saturday, the seventh day of the week. There is not anywhere in the Bible any record where the Sabbath was changed from Saturday to Sunday. Preachers who use such an argument in explaining why they do not keep Saturday will find themselves greatly embarrassed when they cannot prove it by the Scriptures, and their congregation will be many times troubled by the Seventh Day Adventist teaching of the Mosaic Law.

Catholics Did Not Start First Day Worship

Seventh Day Adventists claim that Catholics changed the Sabbath from the seventh day to the first day of the week. The funny part is that some Catholic writers admit that they did! Adventist teachers ought to know however that Catholics simply mean that they claim Peter as the first pope and say that the Sabbath was changed in New Testament times by the apostles and therefore by the Catholic Church. It is true that the Catholic Church has backed some civil laws enforcing Sunday as a day of rest. Catholic popes and rulers tried to enforce by civil laws the observance of Sunday as if it were the Old Testament Sabbath, making it legalistic or ceremonial. That is an entirely different matter from starting the

use of the first day as a day of worship. Acts 20:7 clearly shows that that began in New Testament times. That verse reads as follows:

"And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight."

It is clear that New Testament disciples met on the first day of the week, and it is inferred that this group may have met regularly on this day to take the Lord's Supper.

First Corinthians 16:2 also indicates that the first day of the week had special meaning to New Testament Christians and that Sunday, as a religious day, was not an invention of Roman Catholics and the "mark of the beast," as Adventists claim.

Remember, however, that this first day of the week is never called a "Sabbath" in the Bible, and we should not call it a Sabbath.

The First Day, the New Testament Day of Worship

The New Testament gives many records when Jesus, and later Paul, met with Jews in their synagogue on the Sabbath or seventh day and preached to them. That is

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ing how to win souls, how to have revivals, how to build great soul-winning churches. We should like to plan such large-scale conferences, one in each state if possible, in the months ahead. Pastors who are interested, will you please speak to other Bible-believing pastors who have concern about a deep stirring of God's Spirit in revival and soul winning, and then write or call this editor if we can help you. And, brethren, please forgive us that we cannot accept every invitation. However, we will recommend good, soul-winning evangelists wherever possible, when pastors wish it.

Address Editor John R. Rice, 214 West Wesley, Wheaton, Illinois, or call long distance, if several brethren will unite in a large-scale conference on revival and soul winning.

Please Pray for this Editor

This unworthy editor is in constant need of fervent prayer.

The responsibilities of editing THE SWORD OF THE LORD are so heavy, so important, that only the wisdom of God, only the clear leading of the Holy Spirit, can enable us to do the work that ought to be done.

Please pray that I may not be bluffed or scared nor discouraged by the constant pressure of those who would have me to slow down, to be easy on sin and modernism, and not to offend anybody. Pray that God will help me, as Paul commanded Timothy, to "war a good warfare" (I Tim. 1:18), and to "endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" (II Tim. 2:3).

Oh, above everything else, may the blessed Holy Spirit keep breathing upon me to save souls. How blessed it was yesterday to take the hands of about forty-four people who came forward, a good many of them coming for salvation, all but five or six of them adults and grown young people. Oh, may God take me Home before I ever preach without power, without tears of compassion, and without the moving of the Holy Spirit! And in THE SWORD OF THE LORD may God help me to stir up revival fires, help Christians to win souls, help people to lay their lives on the altar for Christ.

There are many adversaries. There are many trials. Thank God. His grace is sufficient, and if you who read will hold up this poor editor, we will rely upon the Lord and boldly try to follow His leadership and make THE SWORD OF THE LORD better than ever.

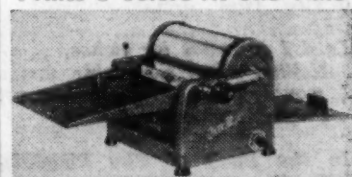
Not every reader will see eye to eye with the editor on every matter. But surely we who are born again, we who believe the Bible to be all it claims to be, the very Word of God, we who put soul winning first, can agree

on the main essentials, and love and pray for one another. I am depending upon THE SWORD OF THE LORD readers for their love and prayers as well as their help.

Please Excuse Us

We are very rushed this week. I have been away from my office most of two weeks. My secretary is on vacation. I could not get from others adequate doctrinal material for this issue in time. It seemed wise to use the message on "Sunday or Sabbath" at the same time as Dr. Jones' article. The sermon, "Everlasting Life Now," was written in long hand Sunday at Detroit and this morning on the plane returning to Chicago. So the editor has two messages in this issue. I would have preferred to use another message on Seventh-Day Adventist doctrine but time did not permit. Please excuse us this time.

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If you friends could just read the letters that come into this office day by day from all over the world telling us what God is doing through the influence of students who have gone out from Bob Jones University, you would realize why we just keep on keeping on. We can't stop. God is too good. Thirty years ago we founded this school, and we have had thirty years of blessed victory. Satan has opposed us. The modernists

have criticized us. Even some church people who are supposed to be conservative but who are compromisers have criticized the uncompromising position of Bob Jones University, but God just keeps on blessing. As long as God gives us souls and we can train Christian leaders in the various walks of life who will not compromise, we are going to keep on keeping on. We want you to pray for us. Pray every day. Pray earnestly. We want you to invest some of God's money in the work of the school, and we want you to help us line up the right kind of students who can be trained for the right kind of uncompromising Christian leadership. Let us hear from you. Thank you and God bless you.

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The Heavenly Records

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lirium, a patient will talk about the incidents in childhood that he has never thought about in fifty years.

"Don't write there," said a little newspaper boy to a dignified youth in a railroad waiting room who was about to scratch something with his diamond ring on a mirror.

"Don't write there. Why not?" "Because," said he, "you can't rub it out!"

How true that is of memory. You remember in the only message that came from Hell to Heaven, Abraham said to Lazarus: "Son, remember." At these words every sinner will be self-condemned. Memory is one of the things we carry with us out of this world. God bids His creatures remember. Remember His commandments, remember His death, remember the judgment, remember eternity, remember our latter end. If we fail to remember these things here, it will be impossible to forget the consequences yonder. In eternity memory will be like ten thousand mirrors and the sinner reflecting and recalling the sins and follies of his life.

Regardless of what record nature or memory is keeping, it is clearly stated in the Bible that God has books or records. Philippians 4:3 tells us: "And I entreat thee, also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellow-labourers, whose names are in the book of life." There is a record of the names of the saints in what the Word of God calls the Book of Life. Is your name registered in it? Jesus referred to this book in Luke 10:20: "Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather, rejoice, because your names are written in heaven."

You remember how the disciples came back overjoyed because even demons were subject to them, in the name of Jesus Christ. But Jesus said, "Don't rejoice merely because the spirits are subject unto you; rejoice far more because your name is written in Heaven." How wonderful it is to rejoice! As the Scripture says, in the contrast of those who have never had their names penned in that book: "And whosoever was not found in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" (Rev. 20:15).

*Lord I care not for riches,
Neither silver nor gold;
I would make sure of heaven;
I would enter the fold.*

*In the Book of Thy kingdom,
On its pages so fair,
Tell me, Jesus, my Saviour,
Is my name written there?*

Daniel pictures the judgment scene and says: "I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of Days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened." (Dan. 7:9, 10).

John witnesses this same scene where we read in Revelation 20:11, 12:

"And I saw a white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is THE BOOK OF LIFE: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works."

This seems to indicate that there are a number of books in Heaven.

The psalmist (87:6) tells us: "The Lord shall count, when He writeth up the people, that this man was born there." Our very birth place is recorded in Heaven. In another place it is said that the hairs of our head are numbered, and there is not a falling spar-

row but what God takes cognizance of it. God is looking after the little things of our lives. Job tells us in our text: "Also now, behold, my witness is in heaven, and my record is on high." These are startling words, and if God kept a record of Job's life, it is also true that he is keeping a record of every one of us—an eternal record of our life, a record of our words, deeds, character, ambition and desires, plans.

God has a system of bookkeeping all His own, and He is writing the story of your life and mine. I wonder what sort of a record we're making for God to write down? The Fisk Jubilee singers used to sing: "He sees all I do; He hears all I say," and they might have added, He knows all I think—"my God is a-writing all the time." No wonder the psalmist wrote: "Search me, O God!" To me, this matter of God's record is a solemn thought. When we write a biography, we usually leave out the bad, or that which might reveal our true character, but in God's record, everything goes down.

There are some things I would like the Lord to write down about me, some things I would like God to write into the record of my life. First of all, I want it to be recorded that Harry MacArthur, a sinner, accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour and was "born again," and made a new creature in Christ Jesus. Some believe that one can be saved by joining the church, but we know from the Word of God that this is not so. I was a member of a church in good standing at least two years before I was saved or even interested in salvation. Do not mistake me. If you are saved, it behooves you to identify yourself with the only organization established by our matchless Lord. Some believe that one can be saved by baptism, but we know from the Word of God that is not true. The Bible tells of some who were baptized, and baptized by the right mode, yet went to Hell. Baptism is important, and every believer is commanded to be baptized, but it is not a saving ordinance.

Some believe that a moral life, a good life, is all that is required, that if he were charitable, liberal, kind and sweet, this is all that is necessary. Jesus definitely said: "No man cometh unto the Father but by me." Again He said: "If ye believe not in me, ye shall die in your sins." Nicodemus was unquestionably a morally fine man—in fact, in all that Jesus said to him we do not find one word that would tell us he was a flagrant sinner. Yet we realize that our matchless Lord said to Nicodemus: "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of heaven."

I marvel sometimes that people will take such chances in this matter of being saved and going to Heaven, when this Book declares that there is just one way, and that the way of faith in the crucified and risen Saviour who bore our sins in His own body on the tree of the world's shame—the cross on Calvary's hill. The Word of God makes it clear that we are saved by grace, by the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit, by the imputed righteousness of Christ and by the blood of the Saviour that cleanses us from all sin. Have you trusted Christ in His death for you on that cross? Have you committed yourself to Him to be saved? Do you know Him as your own, individual, personal Saviour, and has God occasion to write under your name, in that record over yonder, the words: "Saved by grace?"

The second entry I want recorded is the fact that I do publicly confess Jesus Christ before men. The Word of God says: "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 10:32, 33). It is hard to understand anyone claiming to be a Christian and refusing to confess Him publicly. Some try to be secret disciples, but it is impossible, for you are either for Him or against

Baptist Evangelistic Schools of Texas

Rev. Joe Boyd, Cultured, Strong, and Evangelistic President;
Dr. Charles Mashburn, New Vice-President, Bible School and New Junior College.

By the Editor

It was a joy to spend two days, July 8 and 9, with the Southern Baptist Fellowship state-wide meeting in Texas. We were the guests of Pastor Joe Boyd, the Open Door Baptist Church, and the Baptist Evangelistic Schools of Texas. Services were held under a large tent.

The Lord has laid on my heart strongly the good work of the Baptist Evangelistic Schools of Texas. Brother Joe E. Boyd was an outstanding evangelist holding great revivals. Thousands were won to Christ. Scores of young men surrendered to preach the Gospel. But as he encouraged

Him. That is exactly what He meant when He said: "He that is not with me is against me." Many do not confess Christ because they are ashamed to. Oh, how unthinkable that anyone should ever be ashamed of Jesus Christ! How those words burn when we read: "Him that denieth me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven." The very first desire after one has had a definite, vital, life-changing experience in Christ is to tell someone else about Him as soon as it is possible.

*Jesus, and shall it ever be,
A mortal man ashamed of Thee?
Ashamed of Thee, whom angels
praise!
Whose glories shine through
endless days!*

*Ashamed of Jesus! That dear
friend
On whom my hopes of Heaven
depend!
No! When I blush, be this my
shame,
That I no more revere His
name.*

What kind of a record has God written into that record concerning you?

The third thing that I want my Saviour to record concerning me is that by His help I am seeking to live a clean life.

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."—Titus 2:11-14.

Again, the Word of God says: "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are His. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity" (II Tim. 2:19). I do not want it recorded yonder that because of sins in my life, my testimony is nullified, and that my life is a stumblingblock to others.

Next, I want the Saviour to write down concerning me that I am trying my utmost to live an unworldly and separated Christian life. God's call is certainly clear and certainly plain when it says:

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters; saith

these men to go to Southern Baptist schools, he found sadly that of all the ministerial students raised up to preach the Gospel under his ministry, only ten had remained clearly premillennial in their faith and teaching after undergoing the amillennial educational processes of Southern Baptist schools.

Brother Boyd felt impressed to start the Baptist Evangelistic Schools of Texas where the emphasis would be on the great fundamentals of the faith, including the premillennial coming of Christ, which is such a large factor in the Bible, and an emphasis on soul winning and missions.

The Baptist Evangelistic Schools of Texas have included a Bible school for the training of ministers and Christian workers and a Christian grade school. This fall a new junior college is to be opened. Dr. Charles Mashburn, professor of New Testament missions for the last seven years in Tennessee Temple Schools, with training at Bob Jones University, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, has accepted the position of vice-president, to work full time directing the activities of the Baptist Evangelistic Schools of Texas. With him come some strong young men on the faculty, including Douglas Griffin from Tupelo, Mississippi, with three degrees from Mississippi State College and Temple Baptist Theological Seminary; Sylvester Matthews of Tyler, Texas, with degrees from the University of Texas and Temple Baptist Theological Seminary; and Stanley Blystone from Pennsylvania, with degrees from Columbia Uni-

versity and Temple Baptist Theological Seminary.

God has graciously helped in caring for some of the financial problems of the school. It is hoped that eight hundred people may be found who will send \$5 per month for the support of these strong, orthodox, fundamental, premillennial Baptist schools, where soul winning and missions will be constantly emphasized.

Rev. Joe Boyd is a Southern Baptist, all-American footballer from Texas A. & M. College, has a Master of Theology degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, is a cultured, scholarly Bible preacher, as those will know who read his articles in THE SWORD OF THE LORD, "Why I am a Premillennialist," recently. He is an out-and-out evangelist, a colorful, strong, Spirit-filled preacher of the Word. He is now growing a church (two years old), Open Door Baptist Church.

Brother Boyd cannot be away for long periods of time, but he is a very strong, spiritual Bible teacher and preacher and will do blessed work in Bible conferences on revival and soul winning. There is a sparkle, a color, a directness, a John-the-Baptist quality in this preacher that will make him charming and acceptable in the largest churches and Bible conferences in America. There is a dynamic, life-changing quality which is very unusual. Recently he had services in the famous Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, about which I have heard the very finest reports, and he was specially satisfactory to Dr. Lee Roberson and his people.

Some Christian people ought to put the Baptist Evangelistic Schools of Texas on their lists for regular gifts. We expect a great increase in the student body this fall, and we have confidence in the quality of instruction given and the strong, reliable stand for Christ and the Bible and soul winning. We suggest that students and all others interested write to Rev. Joe Boyd, Box 12567, Dallas, Texas.

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Everlasting Life Now!

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the one mediator is not a Roman priest, not the saints to whom some pray, not even Mary, but "the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time." How the light broke on her soul! What tears! Then when she had trusted Christ and had assurance that her sins were all forgiven, she said, "I never would have believed that if you had not showed it to me in the Bible!" You see, the Word of God did its part. One cannot be saved without it.

I remember how Henry Hemphins, a junk dealer in Waxahachie, Texas, learned this truth and practiced it. He asked me for a handful of Gospels of John, into which I had pasted a decision slip which could be signed and removed when one trusted Christ. He took them in his daily business, and showing men John 1:12, 3:3-7, 3:14-18, 3:36, 5:24, verses which we had underlined so anybody could find them, he led man after man to trust Christ, sign the decision slip, and set out to live for Jesus Christ. The Word of God is necessary for soul winning!

Have you heard the Word of God? Did you hear it with your heart? Do you confess the truth of what the Bible so clearly and often teaches—that you are a poor lost sinner who cannot save yourself, that Jesus died in your place, as your substitute, that He rose from the dead, even as the Scriptures prophesied in the Old Testament and recorded in the New Testament? Do you accept the truth of the Scriptures, that Jesus wants to save you and as the sinless, resurrected Son of God, can save you? Then you are ready to be saved today, now!

Personal Faith in Jesus Christ As Your Own Saviour Brings Salvation

Remember, Jesus said in our text, John 5:24, "He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life . . ." After you hear the Gospel, and see your need and know about the dear Saviour who died to save you, one simple step will settle the matter forever. You must yourself commit your case to Jesus Christ, risking Him to forgive your sins and save your soul, and that moment you will have everlasting life!

Jesus used these words: "He that . . . believeth on him that sent me . . ." Did He mean you are to trust God the Father or Jesus the Son? He meant both! The Father and Son are both involved. God gave His Son because He so loved the world of lost sinners. Jesus gave Himself for the same death, and for the same reason, moved by the same love. If you will look at the verses before our text, you will see that Jesus said:

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel. For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will. For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him." —John 5:19-23.

You see, what Jesus does, the Father does; both work together. So if a sinner trusts the Father who sent Jesus to die for us, he will be saved, because that is simply another way of saying he trusts Jesus who paid his debt of sin on the cross. God the Father suffered when Jesus suffered. Jesus gave Himself just as the Father gave Him. So it is all right to pray to the Father or the Son, and all right to trust the Father or the Son. It is the same.

How often is this truth repeated, that one is instantly saved by trusting Christ (or God who sent Christ to save us).

John 1:12 says, "But as many

as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

John 3:14-16 says, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3:18 says, "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

Do you want more? Then John 3:36 says, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

Acts 16:31 says, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." And there are many more such promises in the Bible. One who trusts Jesus Christ is immediately saved, has everlasting life! Praise the Lord.

Do not, I beg you, drop this matter without trusting Christ, here and now, to be your own personal Saviour!

At the funeral of an old man near Dallas, Texas, I said at the grave side, "This man had trusted Christ and was saved. If this were your funeral, are you saved, as he was? Who here would say as we bow our heads for this last prayer, 'Please ask God to forgive my sins and save me'?" As we bowed our heads an old man held his hand for prayer. I remembered him in prayer, and afterward I sought him out.

"You held your hand for prayer," I said. "Perhaps you are a backslider?"

"No, I have never been saved," he said.

"Man, your hair is white," I said. "You have no time to flirt with God."

"I know it," he said. "I am 71 years old."

"Then why are you not saved?" I said.

He replied, "I do not know how."

Deep concern was evident in his face. So I answered, "That is easy. The Bible says, in Acts 16:31, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.' So you should take Him today."

"I have heard that verse before," he said, in evident agitation, with tears welling up in his eyes. "But I don't understand it. I don't know what it means."

For a moment I asked God to make clear how I should explain trusting Christ. Instantly God seemed to give me the words. I said, "That means that all you have to do is to furnish the sinner. God furnishes the Saviour free!"

With tears flowing down the grey stubble of his beard, he began to chuckle with joy. "Well, I can certainly furnish the sinner," he said, "if He will furnish the Saviour!" He was fully assured in his heart and came into our services to confess Christ openly on the Sunday following.

Oh, dear sinner, God has already supplied the Saviour. He has paid your debt, atoned for your sins. All you have to do is to furnish the sinner, depending on the Lord Jesus Christ to forgive and save you, as He has promised to save all who trust Him.

How easy, how simple, how sure!

One Trusting Christ Immediately Has Everlasting Life

Is not this text in John 5:24 blessed? We read again, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

What does one have who hears the words of Christ, the Gospel from the Bible, and trusts the Father who sent Christ to die for us (or trusts Christ Himself, which is the same thing)? He has

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everlasting life! He is born of God, he is regenerated, as other Scriptures say. He now is saved, he has the life of God in himself. So when you have trusted the dear Lord Jesus to save you, you then and there have passed from death to life; you have everlasting life!

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if it would be proper to say I am saved." Later she was fully assured and happy.

I know how she felt. Did I not wonder and doubt three years before I saw that I could know simply by the Word of God? I found John 3:36 which says that "he that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life . . ." And, thank God, I saw it was settled, ever since I, as a timid nine-year-old boy, had put my trust in Jesus.

What more do you want if you have the words of Jesus Christ, written down in the Bible again and again, saying that the moment you believed on Jesus Christ you get everlasting life? Is not the Word of God enough? If you felt light as a feather, if you saw a great light, if you were moved by intense emotion, would that be better than "thus said the Lord" in the blessed Bible? Jesus said, "Verily, verily." Is not that enough?

How changeable, how unstable are our feelings! What a broken reed to lean upon! But God's Word says plainly, says again and again, that one who trusts in the dear Saviour now has, at once, everlasting life, shall not perish (John 3:16), is not condemned (John 3:18), and shall not come into condemnation (John 5:24). Praise God, one who commits his soul's salvation to Jesus, and relies on His plain Word may be sure that he now has everlasting life!

No Condemnation Forever for the One Who Has Really Trusted Christ

But one who has trusted the dear Saviour, and the dear God who gave His wonderful Son—suppose this new convert now falls into sin, and proves unworthy—what then?

Well, we need not suppose anything about that for we know all Christians are still weak, unworthy human beings. All of us do fall short. All alike are unworthy. We did not deserve salvation when we got it; it was God's loving mercy and grace that saved us, poor Hell-deserving sinners that we were. We will never deserve our salvation after we get it. If God's grace cannot keep us after we are saved, it was wasted grace to begin with, for we cannot keep ourselves. Thank God, Jesus "is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Heb. 7:25).

But what kind of life is it we get when we trust Christ? It is "everlasting life," our text says! Then it must last forever. Jesus Christ is no deceiver to promise

everlasting life and then keep us only a few hours or days or years! His word is an infallible guarantee. If you got life, you got everlasting life! Praise God for that!

So this blessed verse, John 5:24, assures us, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

The believer who has committed his soul to the dear Saviour, "shall not come into condemnation," we are told. He "is passed from death unto life." And the American Standard Version of the Bible translates that last half of John 5:24 thus: ". . . and cometh not to judgment but is passed out of death into life."

Not even going to be judged, bless God! Jesus was judged for us, punished for us. He died as a criminal, was executed as the vilest sinner. Even the dear Heavenly Father turned His face away from Jesus on the cross so He could take the sinner's place. So I, after I have trusted Christ as Saviour, have already been judged, have already been punished in Christ my substitute! So I cannot come even to judgment. I cannot be condemned! Praise God!

Governor Pat M. Neff of Texas once visited the state penitentiary and questioned the prisoners. In answer to this Christian governor's question, "How long are you in for?" One prisoner said, "Twenty years." Another said, "Five years." A colored man with a life sentence for murder answered, "From now on!"

Well, I am saved "from now on"! Jesus my Saviour has taken on Himself my sins and paid for them, and has taken on Himself the responsibility for getting me safe to Heaven. He has already given me "everlasting life." That is good enough for me!

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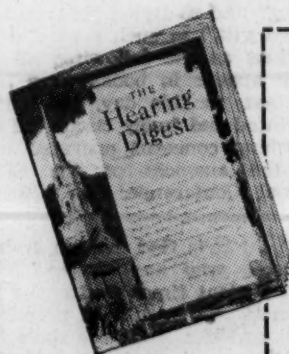
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gers), it is the conviction of this author that such an answer is urgently needed.

Appraisals of Sect by Credulous Editors

During a number of months in the recent past, a few editors connected with magazines that are rather widely read, and which exert considerable influence within evangelical circles, have been writing some remarkable things concerning the SDA's. Here are a few concise examples of that which has been penned and spread abroad regarding the lately discovered (supposed) "evangelical orthodoxy" of the Adventists' beliefs, also the (supposed) "genuine Christianity" experienced by adherents of that movement.

The following appraisal is from the pen of Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse, editor-in-chief of the magazine called *Eternity*:

"... I should like to say that we are delighted to do justice to a much-maligned group of sincere believers [that is, SDA's], and in our minds and hearts take them out of the group of utter heretics like the Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, and Christian Scientists, to acknowledge them as redeemed brethren and members of the Body of Christ..." (Issue of September, 1956; p. 45.)

Then there is this evaluation of the sect from the pen of Dr. E. Schuyler English, editor of the magazine called *Our Hope*:

"... The editor once held... that Seventh-Day Adventism is heretical and not Christian. Investigation that has lasted throughout nearly a year has convinced us that we are mistaken, that SDAism has been undergoing a change throughout the past decade, and that there are many brethren in Christ who are within the fold of Adventism..." (Issue of November, 1956; p. 271.)

Finally, there is this estimation of the movement from the pen of the Reverend Walter R. Martin, an associate editor of *Eternity*, also a contributor to the columns of *Our Hope*:

"... Seventh-Day Adventism today—and for that matter historically—has adhered tenaciously to the cardinal doctrines of the Christian faith... A true Seventh-Day Adventist of today is a true Christian, a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, and a brother of all those who embrace orthodox evangelical Christianity" (*Our Hope*; November, 1956; p. 277.)

Of these three writers the first two named are, in a professional sense, much better known to present-day conservatives than is Mr. Martin, who is a comparative newcomer in the field of contemporary evangelical authorship. This young man is college trained, and is also an ordained minister of the Gospel. But, most unwisely, he has permitted himself to fall into the hands of a group of shrewd and unusually ambitious religious strategists, the sorry result being that he has been influenced to serve, with tireless fervor, in the dual capacity of a decoy-champion of SDAism. And this shocking disservice to the cause of Christ he not only has personally carried on but, obviously, has also spearheaded, during a period of many months.

(We do not deny that there are born-again Christians among Seventh-Day Adventists, as among other false cults. But we believe the system is fundamentally unsound and dangerously unscriptural.—Ed.)

Quite evidently the masterful promoters of this false system, cloaked in its current "new look" guise of religious innocence, led Mr. Martin to believe (and he, as it appears, by means of personal suasion, led his colleagues, Drs. Barnhouse and English, to also believe) that the "Ethiopian" can "change his skin" and the "leopard" can "change his spots"—also that "darkness" is "light" and

"light" is "darkness"! Hence, in his unfamiliarity with SDAism (as it actually is), and, in his resultant delusion—being impulsively urged on by a sadly misdirected zeal—he has written considerably more with reference to this amazing, danger-fraught migration in the realm of deception and error, than have either of the more mature, yet similarly beguiled, editors allied with him.

SDAism's Vital Constitutional Position

Among the several evidences of insufficient information possessed by Mr. Martin regarding the Adventist movement—as disclosed in his *Our Hope* article ("Seventh-Day Adventism Today") from which we have previously quoted, and as is also revealed in other magazine articles from his pen—there is to be noted a marked lack of personal knowledge pertaining to that which is, unquestionably, the very heart of this strangely constituted system.

On the part of those who would possess a correct understanding of SDAism, it is highly important that they should become familiar with the innermost aspects of its complex structure—get to know these sectarian distinctives as nearly as possible as they are known by long-experienced, thoroughly-taught adherents (and, particularly, as they are understood by persons in this classification who have been miraculously delivered from the sect's doctrinal darkness and spiritual enslavement, (as has this author—Ed.). It is, in fact, vitally necessary that the would-be investigator should recognize, also clearly comprehend, the prime feature of the system—its all-essential and persistently maintained constitutional position. And here it is:

As its fervent adherents contend (when discussing the matter among themselves), the SDA movement is not merely one of the many denominations comprising so-called Protestantism. They insist, rather, that it is "the remnant church," or, according to their patently erroneous yet tenaciously held viewpoint, the only true church of these last days. This is so, these misinstructed religionists argue, because their "church" is prophetically brought to light in the Bible—that is, in Revelation 12:17, which verse reads, "The dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." And here the zealous advocates of this Scripture-distorting hypothesis hasten to quote Revelation 19:10, where the phrase, "the testimony of Jesus Christ," is defined as "the spirit of prophecy."

With great certainty the Adventists interpret the symbolical term "woman," as employed in Revelation 12:17, as typifying the true Church of God, and they construe the phrase "the remnant of her seed" (same verse) to mean the final segment of that universal Body. In other words, to them this prophetic designation means nothing other than the Seventh-Day Adventist Church—"the church of the ages" in its ultimate form. And to these hyper-presumptuous zealots, it is such to the exclusion of all other religious groups!

Then, with the same degree of positiveness, the Adventists interpret the expression "the testimony of Jesus Christ" (or "the spirit of prophecy") as signifying "the gift of prophecy" as it was supposedly possessed by and manifested through the late Mrs. E. G. White—she who was for seventy years the sect's self-named "messenger of the Lord," and whose "heaven conferred" leadership and "divinely inspired" directive authority were continuously exercised by her from the inception of SDAism.

Therefore, in the thinking of every person truly conversant with this movement's historical background and interior framework—and, at the same time, soundly

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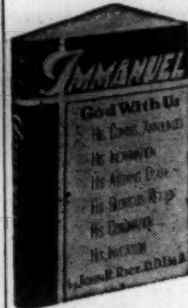
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instructed in its basic beliefs—Revelation 12:17 literally means, "Satan will wage war against the Seventh-Day Adventist Church because its members keep the fourth [Sabbath] commandment, and have Sister White as their prophetess!"

Solid Facts Disprove Baseless Claims

Now to once more refer to Mr. Martin's *Our Hope* article. Therein we find such wholly erroneous statements as the following concerning the heart of the SDA system—Mrs. White and her supposititious "gift of prophecy." His inaccurate assertions with regard to this foremost aspect of SDAism plainly disclose to what an astonishing extent he has been misled. He, quite evidently, was inveigled by his deluders into believing, and stating, that,—

"... Ellen White [Mrs. E. G. White] never claimed infallibility for herself or her writings, ..."; "... the General Conference ... never have and do not now place her writings on a parity with Scripture"; and "... Seventh-Day Adventists believe that she was inspired of God ... but that not everything she wrote is either inspired or infallible..."

Keeping in mind these significant "findings" as submitted by Mr. Martin, let us search out the actual truth pertaining thereto. It will not be difficult to find.

From the earliest days of her long-extended career, Mrs. White referred to her professed "divine calling" and so-styled "heaven bestowed gift," in such typical declarations as the following, all of which appear in books from her pen that, to this day, are being re-printed and freely circulated by publishing concerns operated under the auspices of the SDA General Conference. She affirmed,—

"... It is God, not an erring mortal, who has spoken." *** "In ancient times God spoke to men by the mouth of prophets and apostles. In these days he speaks to them by the Testi-

monies of His Spirit [meaning her so-called 'writings of the spirit of prophecy']..." *** "... When I send you a testimony of warning and reproof, many of you declare it to be merely the opinion of Sister White. You have thereby insulted the Spirit of God." ("Testimonies for the Church," Vol. III, p. 257; *Ibid.*, Vol. V, pp. 661, 64.)

If words—or "testimonies"—spoken directly by the Holy Spirit through a specially-chosen and divinely-inspired "messenger of the Lord" (prophet), such as Mrs. White is claimed to have been, are not infallible, what then constitutes inerrancy? The Scriptures declare, "God cannot lie" (Titus 1:2), and "Every word of God is pure..." (Proverbs 30:5). That is, every word uttered by the Spirit of God through His prophets is infinitely free from inaccuracy—is infinitely truthful and trustworthy—unerring, irrefutable, infallible.

As for the attitude taken by the SDA General Conference throughout the history of the movement toward Mrs. White and her professed inspiration (which attitude is maintained unalterably to this day by that supreme governing body), here are a few clear and incontestable representative statements as published in its official organ, *The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*,—

"Again and again in official action the [SDA] church has reaffirmed its stand on the importance and the place of the spirit of prophecy, ... Nor has there been a change in the position of the church in this vital matter." *** "Seventh-Day Adventists hold that Ellen G. White performed the work of a true prophet during the seventy years of her public ministry, and that the exercise of the prophetic gift in the remnant church was itself a fulfillment of prophecy..." *** "... As Samuel was a prophet to Israel in his day, as Jeremiah was a prophet to Israel in the days of his captivity, as John the Baptist came as a special messenger of the Lord to prepare the way for Christ's appearing, so we [SDA's] believe that Mrs. White was a prophet to the

church of Christ today." (Issues of April 4, 1957; February 28, 1957; October 4, 1928.)

Concerning the disputed matter of inspiration for all of Mrs. White's published writings, consider this plain declaration in that regard as made by the prophetess herself, which high claim has the unqualified support of the SDA General Conference, both past and present,—

"... In these letters which I write, in the testimonies I bear, I am presenting to you that which the Lord has presented to me. I do not write one article ... expressing merely my own ideas. They are what God has opened before me in vision—the precious rays of light shining from the throne." ***

(Some years ago, one of SDAism's most prominent leaders declared, in print, that after much study and prayer he had reached the conclusion that not everything Mrs. White wrote was by inspiration. The following authoritative reply to this minister's publicly expressed doubts, was prepared and published by the SDA General Conference. It reads as follows):

"Just which of the writings coming from this source [that is, from the pen of Mrs. White] Elder J. ... believes to be Testimonies [inspiration] and which not, he has not stated. He has simply cited certain ones, and said he did not believe these to be Testimonies. This is precisely the attitude taken by the 'higher critics' toward the Bible. They single out certain parts of the Bible, and assert that these are not inspired. But no more subtle nor effective method can be employed than this to break down all faith in all inspired writings. ..." *** "The Ellen G. White books [forty-five in all, including her least known works, such as 'Early Writings,' 'Testimonies for the Church,' etc., as well as her principal and more widely circulated titles, such as 'Steps to Christ,' 'The Desire of Ages,' and 'The Great Controversy Between Christ and Satan'] are a tower of spiritual power. ... In this time of con-

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flict, and from the earliest days of the [SDA] movement [they have served as] a guiding light to the Advent people." (Testimonies for the Church, Vol. V, p. 67; "A Statement," an official General Conference document issued in 1906, p. 87; *The Review and Herald*, April 4, 1957.)

In view of the preceding plain-meaning statements, also in the clear light of other pertinent information set forth in earlier paragraphs of this article, it must be realized by the attentive reader that the exalted position occupied by Mrs. White as a supposed special, "divinely-chosen" leader of the professed "remnant church" (singularly equipped, as she claimed herself to have been, with her officially-recognized "prophetic gift"), is absolutely foundational in the organic structure of SDAism—indeed, *absolutely indispensable to its continuance!* Furthermore, it should be clearly be realized that the statements concerning Mrs. White and her professed "gift" which we have quoted from Mr. Martin's pen, are utterly unfounded—positively refuted by solid, amply documented facts.

Have "Divergent Views" Been Repudiated?

On page 275 of the *Our Hope* article to which we have been referring, its author affirms with considerable assurance that a number of characteristic tenets of the SDA's (incorrectly designated by him as mere "divergent views"), have for a long time been abrogated by the sect. To quote: "... [These] positions ... have been totally repudiated by the Seventh-Day Adventist denomination for some years."

As examples, here are three of the so-declared officially renounced teachings of the Adventists listed by this self-appointed apologist for the sect. First, he states that SDAism no longer teaches that the atonement of Christ was not completed upon the cross. Second, he states that this movement does not now teach that salvation is the result of grace plus the works of the law. And, third, he states that the sect does not now teach that Christ partook of man's sinful fallen nature at the incarnation.

These are, indeed, significant declarations which, unmistakably, require careful investigation with respect to their validity. So now, as briefly as possible, let us examine a few of the many "testimonies" of Mrs. White ("the accepted mouthpiece of the Advent Movement," as she is authentically described by SDA leaders, not a mere "counselor," as she is disparagingly referred to in *Eternity* magazine; September, 1956, p. 7) pertaining to these especially important doctrines. And just here it should be explained that the several standard works authored by Mrs. White from which we are about to quote are, at the present time, still being published by the SDA's, are being advertised in their official organ, *The Review and Herald*, and are being made available to the reading public today, just as in the past, through qualified channels of distribution sponsored by the sect in various sections of the United States.

(1) Regarding the atonement, SDAism NOW teaches (through Mrs. White),

"... Attended by heavenly angels, our great High Priest enters the holy of holies [that is, Heaven] ... to [there] make an atonement for all who are shown to be entitled to its benefits." *** "... Instead of coming to the earth ... in 1844, Christ then [or 1800 years after His ascension to "the right hand of God"; see Acts 1:9; 7:54-56; Romans 8:34] entered the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary, to perform the closing work of atonement." (*The Great Controversy*, pp. 480, 420.)

BUT SEE—John 17:4; 19:28-30; Romans 5:8-11; Col. 1:19-22; Hebrews 9:24-26!

(2) Regarding the way of salvation, SDAism NOW teaches (through Mrs. White):

"... We are placed here on probation to see if we will prove worthy of eternal life." *** "... In order to be prepared for judgment, it is necessary that men should keep the law of God." *** "... The condition of eternal life is now just what it always has been,—... perfect obedience to the law of God." (*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. I, p. 199; "The Great Controversy," p. 436; "Steps to Christ," p. 65.)

BUT SEE—John 1:17; Romans 10:4; II Corinthians 3:1-14; Colossians 2:13-17; Ephesians 2:8, 9; Romans 11:6; Galatians 3:10, 11; 5:4!

(3) Regarding the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ, SDAism NOW teaches (through Mrs. White):

"... As one of us, He [Jesus] ... took upon Himself our nature ..." *** "Our Saviour took humanity with all its liabilities. He took the nature of man, with the possibility of yielding to temptation." (*The Desire of Ages*, pp. 24, 117.)

BUT SEE—Leviticus 22:17-21; Luke 1:26-35; I Peter 1:18, 19; 2:21, 22; II Corinthians 5:20, 21; Hebrews 7:26!

Here, once more, we find very significant claims made by Mr. Martin concerning the supposed "changed" SDAism to be without foundation in fact. When compared with actual, currently published tenets of the sect, we discover his positively-made assertion, that Scripture-perverting teachings long cherished and defended by the SDA's have "for some years" been "totally repudiated," to be completely disproved.

Were any of Mrs. White's teachings, not alone those unusually serious heresies briefly considered in preceding paragraphs, but other characteristic false doctrines of the sect also (such as the obligation of seventh-day Sabbath observance on the part of all professing Christians, the "mark of the Beast" for Sunday-keepers, soul-sleep for the righteous dead, annihilation for the wicked dead, etc.) to be declared contrary to Scripture by the SDA General Conference, and by that highest board of the sect to be eliminated from the movement's assortment of so-called "truths," such action not only would be considered shockingly sacrilegious by all "faithful" Adventists but, more than that, it would be looked upon by them as fatal to the very existence of their beloved "remnant church."

Indeed, such tampering with the "message" of SDAism would speedily result in the utter collapse of the system. This fact has long been conceded by accountable leaders who have authoritatively declared, "Nothing is surer than this, that this message [the SDA creed] and the visions [the "inspired" writings of Mrs. White] belong together and stand or fall together" (*The Review and Herald*, August 14, 1883).

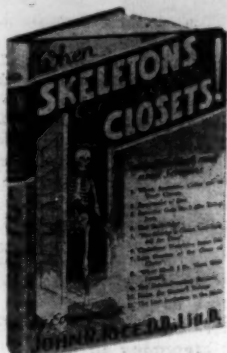
"Not Changing Doctrines," Says SDA Official

Have the Seventh-Day Adventists changed their creed? No, they have not! This certainty has been clearly established by ample and incontestable proof as set forth in foregoing portions of this article. What is more, positive declarations to this same effect, recently made by highly-placed officials of the movement, leave not the slightest room for doubt.

In connection with claims concerning supposed alterations in SDA tenets voiced by misled evangelical editors, the president of the General Conference of the sect, R. R. Figuhr, writes as follows in a personal letter addressed to a sincere fact-seeking correspondent (Mrs. D. Lyons, 9 Bergen Street, Hackensack, New Jersey). Under date of April 1, 1957, Mr. Figuhr declares, "... These two gentlemen [meaning Dr. Barnhouse and Mr. Martin] ... have made certain statements, conscientiously I believe, that are not ac-

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This concise, interesting, and very informative response, speaks volumes—"between the lines"! And here is another abridged statement of a similarly concise and pertinent nature, this one being selected from a personal letter written not long since by a responsible SDA General Conference leader to a one-time Adventist residing in New Zealand (Mr. H. E. Whitford, 17 Edmonston Road, Henderson). This exceptionally well qualified spokesman for SDAism, R. A. Anderson—particularly well informed with respect to the matter at hand—is a member of a special editorial committee appointed by the top governing council of the movement to prepare the manuscript for the long-announced (still forthcoming?) new doctrinal textbook of Adventism designed to supersede all others, titled, "This We Believe." In his just-referred-to communication, Mr. Anderson says, "... We are not changing our doctrines, ... but ... clarifying them."

In full support of the foregoing outspoken explanations, there have appeared within recent months, in the official voice of SDAism, *The Review and Herald*, a number of editorial comments of a relevant character. Let us here quote a few condensed excerpts therefrom as follows:

"... Let none seek to tear away the foundations of our faith. ... Men may suppose that they have found a new way, that they can lay a stronger foundation than that which has been laid; but this is a great deception." *** "... To this people [to SDA's] have been committed great and precious truths, which are the very life of this movement. God is depending upon us to guard these truths. ... The waymarks [doctrines] that have been set up through the years are not movable, but they are settled and unchanging. ... (Issues of January 31, 1957, p.

A Bible verse led to the discovery of oil in Egypt! Exodus 2:3 gave the Standard Oil Company the idea that oil was to be found in Egypt. This report came from Charles Whitshot, geologist, for the Standard Oil Company. The Bible tells of the pitch used in making the Craft in which the babe, Moses' was set adrift. They reasoned that, where pitch was, there was oil and so it was!

9; January 3, 1957, p. 10; January 17, 1957, p. 8.)

We Believe SDAism Will Ever Remain the Same—FALSE!

Leaders of this unscriptural system would no more change its creed—and, in so doing, automatically divorce the movement from its prophetess-founder, Mrs. White—than would the leaders of Christian Science sever that heretical cult from its professed "inspired" originator, Mrs. Eddy. The heart of a false religion movement, though secretly known by men at its head to be gravely diseased, may not be removed therefrom without bringing certain death to the body. Recognizing this to be so, these shrewd ecclesiastical functionaries would not for a moment thus chance wrecking, completely and irreparably, their respective piously-misnamed "Christian churches." Survival—not the prompt and positive eradication of error, along with its blemished and incurable source—is the essential thing!

In the prosecution of their ever-expanding public activities, designing officials of SDAism may (and no doubt will) continue to employ fact-veneering double-talk, just as they have been doing in the past, and by this subtle means make a big "show" of supposedly bringing their so-called "truth" into harmony with the Word of God. They may (and doubtless will) persist in hanging up innocent, evangelical-looking "window dressing" whenever and wherever they can, just as they have been doing during the past many months through the much-to-be-deplored cooperation of a few ill-informed, easily duped (and heretofore trusted) editors. And, without any doubt, the SDA's, operating as apparently welcome and above-suspicion participants, will continue to seemingly line up with publicly promoted Christian projects, just as they are at present doing (that is, at the time this is being written; June 10, 1957) in connection with the Billy Graham evangelistic crusade conducted in New York.

And, oh! how grievous is this fact—unless God miraculously intervenes and brings defeat to these devices of the Enemy, smooth-tongued and piously-zealous SDA proselytizers will, by the use of just such insidious methods, continue to beguile, and lead into spiritual darkness and slavery, many untaught and unwary souls!

Dear Christian reader, the Seventh-Day Adventist movement is NOT a genuine evangelical denomination. It is NOT a fundamentally orthodox Christian movement. It is FALSE; and underneath a highly glossed exterior, it is likely to ever remain just what it always has been, otherwise it would no longer be SDAism. Clad in its deceptive "sheep's clothing," it will continue to be a cleverly camouflaged counterfeit. The "Ethiopian" cannot "change his skin," neither can the "leopard change his spots."

Beloved, in these peril-filled days, let us be *always watchful!* No matter in what pleasing guise SDAism may present itself—as "orthodox," "evangelical," or "Christian"—*be not deceived!* (See Matthew 7:15-20; Acts 20:28-31; II Corinthians 11:13-15; Romans 16:17, 18; and II John 7-11.) In the mighty name of Christ Jesus our Lord, let us keep our souls constantly safeguarded from the wiles of Satan. Beneath the precious shed blood of our victorious Saviour, let us ever keep our souls protected from the crafty attempts of the Great Deceiver to lead us astray from the path of Divine Truth. In God, and in His Word, we shall alone find safety.

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The Heavenly Records

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Then I'd like it recorded that I've been faithful to His ministry. It is easy to criticize a man in the pulpit, and many times we deserve it, but most of us need prayer more than anything else.

Too, I want it recorded that I have been faithful to the Gospel of Christ. Many can preach better than I can. My acquaintance with some of the sciences and philosophies is a bit limited. There is one Gospel that a sin-sick sinner needs, and that is salvation through the blood of Christ. God helping me, I will declare this Gospel in my own feeble way as long as I am able. Others may preach the Gospel better than I can, but they cannot preach a better Gospel.

Last, I would like it written down, yes, I want the Lord to write down in my record over yonder, that I am a soul winner; that I am obeying the command of the Lord Jesus and fishing for men. My, what inducements we have in the Word of God to be busy about doing this immortal work. The Scripture says: "He that winneth souls is wise," and, "they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever" (Prov. 11:30 and Dan. 12:3).

Dr. Truett tells the story of an incident that happened in his church in Dallas. There was a very devoted old woman who lived in a house of two rooms on a back street in the suburbs of the city. She had a wicked son, just one child, and she was a widow. The boy had lived the most of his time in a saloon. For years he had broken his mother's heart. For five years he had refused to go with her to church.

One evening the boy was in his room on his bed asleep, and it came to the mother's heart to walk softly in her stocking feet into his room and kneel at the bedside and ask God to let her take her boy to church with her that night. Kneeling there, her tears and emotion and deeply stirred soul got the best of her and expressed themselves in sobs. It awakened the boy. He jumped up and said, "Mother, what's the matter?"

She said, "O, I beg your pardon. I did not mean to waken you. I came in here to pray that God would let me take you with me to hear the preaching, to hear my pastor speak tonight."

"Mother," he said, "if you'll never ask me again, I'll go tonight."

She replied, "I cannot promise that, for I am going to follow you like a mother down to the grave."

He finally consented to go. He waited until late on purpose, because he wanted the crowd to be there so that he could sit at the back. Finally they arrived at the church. There were just two seats left right near the door. The mother let him go in first, and she sat at the end. A great throng was there.

I wish you could see the picture. There is the boy on the back seat with the mother between him and the door. That door leads to the street, and that street leads

to the saloon, and the saloon leads to Hell. The preacher preached as only he could preach, and after the sermon he gave the invitation, saying, "Is there one here tonight who wants to be saved?"

God's power, in answer to that mother's prayer, took hold of that boy. He started down the aisle, and before he had gotten half way, he gave his heart to Christ. After the crowd was dismissed, that dear old mother got down on her knees, looked up into the preacher's face and said, "Pastor, it was through you tonight that my boy was saved."

That great preacher replied, "I had rather have that testimony than wear the crown of England or be the President of the United States."

Oh, has God had occasion to write into that record yonder that you are a soul winner?

I am thankful to know that if my name is recorded in the Book of Life, I will not have to face the record of my sin. Oh, how wonderful that Christ settled that account two thousand years ago on Calvary, and when I took Him as my Saviour, He blotted out that old record. Jack and I used to sing together:

*There was a time on earth,
When in the books of Heaven
An old account was standing
Of sins yet unforgiven.
My name was at the top
And many things below.
I went to the keeper
And settled long ago.*

*When at the judgment bar
I stand before the King
And He the books will open
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Then will my heart be glad,
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John Bunyan in his immortal allegory, *Pilgrim's Progress*, tells of the man who saw, away in the distance, the glories of the celestial city, but between him and the celestial city were those who would do their utmost to prevent him from ever reaching its portals. However, he said he wanted to brave the perils, the darkness, the wickedness, and press toward the city. He stepped forward where the recruits were being signed up and said, "Sir, put my name down." Then he was arrayed in the armor provided for those who wanted to engage in the struggle and gain the eternal city. They put on him the armor of God. He was girded with truth, the breastplate of righteousness, his feet were shod with the preparation of the Gospel. In one hand was placed the shield of faith, and in the other, the sword of the Spirit, and on his head was placed the helmet of salvation.

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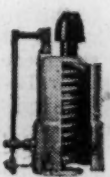
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For the present, I feel that it would be wise for them not to take places of leadership. Little by little they will prove themselves and gain the complete confidence of the people; then they can be given further responsibility and leadership in the church.

When people repent earnestly and show evidence of repentance, they should be forgiven, and all of us should remember the injunction in the Scripture, "Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you" (Eph. 4:32).

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Sunday or Sabbath . . .

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just as when a preacher of today has services at such times and places as he can get a crowd. A preacher should go where the people gather and preach to them. But when it comes to the meeting of New Testament disciples for worship, we never find an account of churches using the Sabbath for that day. On the other hand, Acts 20:7 clearly states that the disciples met on the first day of the week and the context indicates that this was a regular service at a regular time to take the Lord's Supper. First Corinthians 16:2 plainly shows that "the first day of the week" had a religious significance to New Testament Christians. They were commanded to set aside on that day their gifts for the Lord's work.

It is probable that "the Lord's day" of Revelation 1:10 means the first day of the week on which the disciples were accustomed to gathering for worship. John was worshipping the Lord on this day, that is, he was "in the Spirit on the Lord's day." Certainly the Bible nowhere teaches that "the Lord's day" is the Sabbath or seventh day. The Bible does not even hint that any other day besides the first should be used as a day of worship. The Lord's Day must be our Sunday. New Testament Christians did not have a day commanded for rest, but they used the first day of the week, not the Sabbath, as a day of worship.

Jewish Sabbath Not a Day of Worship

The Sabbath, Saturday, in the Old Testament, was for physical rest alone, not a day of worship. When you read again the Old Testament commands about the Sabbath, you will notice that it was never given as a day of worship.

"But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates."—Exodus 20:10.

The word "Sabbath" in the Hebrew language (in which the command was given), means "cessation" or "rest."

Worship went on in the tabernacle and in the temple seven days a week just the same except for certain national religious holidays when the program was somewhat varied.

We find that during the period between the Old and New Testaments the custom of meeting in the synagogue on the Sabbath arose, but not by divine command. There is no Bible command for the synagogue nor for any of the synagogue worship. The Sabbath of the Mosaic Law was purely a day of rest, not a day of worship nor church-going.

We may be sure that the principle of one day's rest in seven for man and beast is a good one, and on such grounds Christians have many times advocated civil laws to provide a day of rest one day a week. Usually the day selected has been Sunday, when Christian people would want to use the day for worship. HOWEVER, NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANS HAVE NO COMMAND FROM GOD TO ABSTAIN FROM LABOR ON ANY CERTAIN DAY, NOR EVEN TO MEET FOR WORSHIP ON A GIVEN DAY OF THE WEEK. That is for a Christian a matter of grace and should be voluntary.

Should Christians Then Observe Sunday?

Since Christians are not bound by the Old Testament command to observe the Sabbath, is it right for Christians to observe Sunday? The answer is that we should not observe Sunday as a legalistic Sabbath, part of the ceremonial law; but that we do well to observe the Lord's day voluntarily for our own good as a day of worship. The Scripture plainly says: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is" (Hebrews 10:25). We are commanded to meet for worship. Since New Testament disciples in Acts 20:7 met on Sunday; and John, a lonely exile on the Island of Pat-

mos, worshipped on the "Lord's Day" (evidently the same); and since I Corinthians 16:2 mentions Sunday as a day of religious duty, certainly we ought to give ourselves to worship on that day.

Some people object and say that if you worship on Sunday, you keep a day dedicated to the sun since Sunday was named for the sun. Well, Saturday is named for Saturn! All the days are God's days, and all should be used for Him no matter how they were named. The days of the week do not have now the same names as they had in Bible times, but we do have the same days whether we call one Sunday or the first day of the week, or another Saturday or the seventh day of the week. New Testament Christians met on the first day of the week before it was called Sunday. Jews kept Saturday as a day of rest before it was called Saturday. But what has that to do with us? We settle this by God's Word, not by history.

Christians certainly ought to make it possible for as many others as possible to worship on Sunday with them. For employers of labor to close their business on Sunday makes it possible for workmen to attend services as God commanded, and besides provide time for needful rest. We cannot put that on a basis of Jewish law and ought not to. We ought to put it on a basis of grace as Christians who seek to honor the Lord and treat our fellowman as we would be treated.

Let us not use our liberty in this matter for an occasion to the flesh (Gal. 5:13). Christians should not let their liberty concerning the Lord's day be taken as license to do wrong. Surely Christians ought to use this day in a way which would please the Lord Jesus for whom it was named "the Lord's day." Some Christians have a legalistic idea of Sunday, calling it the Sabbath. We should not cause them to stumble and be an offense unto them by our liberty. Many things we should do for their conscience's sake and for the sake of unsaved people who might not understand our liberty. For Paul, under divine inspiration concerning meats offered to idols which were an offense to some, wrote:

"Conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other; for why is my liberty judged of another man's conscience? For if I by grace be a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks? Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. Give none offense, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God: Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved."—I Cor. 10:29-33.

Yes, Christians should use Sunday for their own good and the glory of Christ as a day of worship and service to God, seeking to offend none but to save all and bless all.

The Spiritual Meaning of the First Day of the Week

Six in the Bible is man's number, and seven is the divine or complete number. Six days of labor followed by the Sabbath of rest pictures man living a perfect life under the law and earning the rest, perfection and salvation pictured by the seventh day. Of course man failed under the law, and no one was ever able to keep it (Acts 15:10, Rom. 3:20, Gal. 3:11). But the New Testament Christian, worshipping God on the first day of the week, means that he already has salvation as a free gift before he did any work, and now being saved, the Christian works the rest of his life to glorify the Saviour he loves. Read Hebrews 4:9, 10.

From Mark 16:2, 9 it seems clear that Jesus rose from the dead on the first day of the week. In the twentieth chapter of John we find that when Mary and others came to the sepulchre on the first day of the week, very early while it was yet dark, Jesus appeared to her and said, "I am not yet ascended to my Father." It

appears that the Saviour some time in that night which was a part of the first day of the week, had come out of the grave. Here is a great blessing for us. Jesus rising from the dead for our justification, (Rom. 4:25) means that now we are counted righteous without any labor and without the deeds of the law and "have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Concerning this, Hebrews 4:10 says:

"For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his."

Blessed is the Christian who does not depend on his own works but rests in the finished work of Christ on the cross!

From Hebrews 4:9-11 it seems that two rests or "Sabbaths" are mentioned. (The word *rest* in Hebrews 4:9 is the same word as *Sabbath* in the Greek.) That is the teaching with which all Jews were familiar.

One of the greatest feasts which God gave to the Jews, or Israel, shows this idea of the rests of a Christian, one at salvation and the other after the resurrection. The feast of unleavened bread following the passover supper, as given in Exodus 12:15, 16, lasted seven days. This week represented the complete cycle of a Christian life after conversion, which conversion is pictured by the passover lamb at the beginning of the feast. See I Corinthians 5:6-8. The unleavened bread represents, surely, our feeding on Christ, our fellowship and communion with Him. That fellowship, or peace, begins immediately at conversion as Israel ate the unleavened bread with the passover lamb. The peace and joy of a Christian life should begin immediately when one trusts Christ for salvation. The first day of that feast of unleavened bread was a day of rest when no work was to be done. That pictures a Christian resting from his own works when he has partaken of Christ.

At the close of the week was another day of rest. At the close of life's journey, Christians will enter into perfect rest, for "there remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God" (Heb. 4:9). You can see why Israel, under the law, should keep the Sabbath just as they kept the passover supper and the feast of unleavened bread. All of them pointed toward Christ. A Christian need keep neither the passover supper nor the feast of unleavened bread nor the Sabbath since we have Christ Himself, the fulfillment of all the shadows and types and ceremonial law.

On the other hand, the Jewish Sabbath (Saturday) is clearly a picture of a rest earned after work. Under the law, if one were perfect all his life, fulfilling all the commands, he would deserve Heaven. Since no one was ever perfect but Jesus, nor did any one besides Him keep the law, man could not be saved by the law. You can see then how the Jewish Sabbath, picturing a salvation by good works, is out of place in a dispensation of grace. We are saved by grace, freely, justified without the deeds of the law, so we worship on the first day of the week, representing peace and rest obtained without labor. The Jewish Sabbath, Saturday, is ceremonial law, and does not fit a grace dispensation. Our Lord's Day, the first day of the week, does fit every Christian.

Great Differences Between the Sabbath and the Lord's Day

1. The Sabbath was for Israelites only, under Mosaic Law. The Lord's Day is for New Testament Christians, under grace.

2. The Sabbath was law, enforced with the death penalty, by the command of God (Num. 15:32-36). The Lord's Day, or first day of the week, is grace, without command or penalty, observed voluntarily by Christians if at all.

3. The Sabbath was a day of physical rest (Exod. 20:10). The Lord's Day is a day of worship (Acts 20:7; Rev. 1:10).

4. The Sabbath typified salvation by works; the Lord's Day typifies salvation by grace.

Christians Are Not Under the Law

Our Seventh Day Adventist brethren, like the Galatian Christians, have tried to lead us into the

yoke of bondage of the Mosaic Law. Many of them teach, and most of them believe, that salvation depends upon keeping the Mosaic Law. They not only preach the Old Testament Sabbath, but they often teach the Old Testament laws against eating certain kinds of meats. They teach the tithe as a part of the way to be saved or to stay saved. For that matter they might as well teach the rest of Jewish ceremonial laws if one must keep the law to be saved. As a matter of fact, the ceremonial laws as given to Israel were plainly fulfilled and not for us according to Colossians 2:14-17 and I Timothy 4:3-5. God plainly tells us that the law about not eating certain meats is not binding on Christians.

"For EVERY CREATURE of God is good, and NOTHING TO BE REFUSED, if it be received with thanksgiving: for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer."—I Tim. 4:4, 5.

About circumcision, New Testament Christians are plainly told:

"Is any called in uncircumcision? Let him NOT BE CIRCUMCISED."—I Cor. 7:18.

So about the Sabbath, the command about it was nailed to the cross and blotted out with the other ceremonial laws, as the Lord specifically says, in Colossians 2:16, 17:

"Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or OF THE SABBATH DAYS: which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ."

If a Christian were under the law about the Sabbath, then he should be stoned for picking up sticks on Saturday as God commanded in Numbers 15:32-36. He could not even have a fire in the house on Saturday as God commanded Israel in Exodus 35:3. Thank God, that heavy burden of ceremonial law is not for us!

The moral laws concerning lying, stealing, adultery, murder, etc., are repeated many times in the New Testament. These sins are inherently wrong, were wrong since before the Mosaic Law, as when Cain killed Abel. Christians ought to keep the moral law, to do right and not wrong. But it is not true that men are saved by keeping the law. They never were and never will be. People are saved by simply trusting in Christ, and have everlasting life on that basis alone, and not by keeping either the ceremonial or moral law.

Read again these Scriptures, and have settled in your heart forever that you are not under law but under grace!

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast."—Eph. 2:8-9.

Titus 3:5 also plainly teaches that men are not saved or kept by acts of righteousness.

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost."

Then let us

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."—Gal. 5:1.

"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us."—Gal. 3:13.

"Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or OF THE SABBATH DAYS: which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ."—Col. 2:16, 17.

Further Proof the Sabbath Was Ceremonial Law, for Jews Only, Never Commanded for New Testament Christians.

1. That is what the Scriptures expressly say.

Read again Colossians 2:13-17.

"13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; 14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; 15 And having spoiled principal-

ties and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. 16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days; 17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ."

That Scripture is talking about the Jewish ceremonial law which was fulfilled and done away with when Jesus died. Gentiles were in "uncircumcision," says the Scripture; the "handwriting of ordinances" of the Jews was against the Gentiles and contrary to them. But this "handwriting of ordinances" which was against uncircumcised people, Christ took "out of the way, nailing it to his cross." Certainly that refers to the ceremonial law. Was the moral law done away with when Jesus died? Are men now free from obligation about the com-

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mands "Thou shalt not kill," "Thou shalt not commit adultery," "Thou shalt not steal"? You know that we are not free from obligation to do right about such matters. The moral law was not erased, not rescinded when Jesus died. It was not nailed to the cross, crucified, killed. That was the ceremonial law which lost its force when Jesus died because it was already fulfilled.

So verse 16 above plainly says Christians are not to be judged concerning these ceremonial laws. "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days."

Leviticus, chapter 11, named as part of the ceremonial law a number of animals that Jews were not to eat, such as pork, fish that did not have both fins and scales, etc. And in that connection Jews were plainly told that if the lizard, snail, mole or other such animals which were ceremonially unclean, should fall into an earthen vessel, then the water of that vessel would be likewise unclean, and the vessel must be broken. Leviticus 11:34 says, "Of all meat which may be eaten, that on which such water cometh shall be unclean; and all drink that may be drunk in every such vessel shall be unclean." But that ceremonial law concerning eating and drinking was nailed to the cross of Christ, and Colossians 2:16 plainly says we are not to be judged concerning those dietary rules of meat and drink. Likewise, Christians are not to be judged "in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days." These ordinances were nailed to the cross. They are taken out of the way! No Christian must allow himself to be judged by these ceremonial laws which were fulfilled completely when Jesus died.

Then verse 17 says plainly that all these ordinances "are a shadow of things to come." That is what ceremonial laws are—a shadow or symbol or picture or object lesson. But when Jesus died, the body itself has come, of which the others were a shadow. Now we have Christ, and He has fulfilled those

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ceremonial laws, they are all nailed to the cross, and Christians must not be judged by the ceremonial Sabbath of the Jews. So the Scripture plainly commands.

2. The second proof that the Jewish Sabbath, Saturday, is a part of the ceremonial law and never commanded to New Testament Christians is the fact that the Scriptures plainly say the Sabbath was a special sign between God and the children of Israel.

In Exodus 31:12, 13 is this plain statement,

"And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you."

In verse 13 God says, "Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you." The word sanctify means set apart. So Israel is set apart from other nations. A sign of this separation of the Jews from the Gentiles is the Sabbath.

In verses 16 and 17 the Lord said, "Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath . . . It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever."

In Ezekiel 20:12 the Lord says, "Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them."

Thus again we are plainly told that the Sabbath is a special sign between God and Israel, a sign that they are God's chosen people, set apart from other races.

Now all the ceremonial law was just that; a special command for Israel and not for other nations. Circumcision was likewise a sign between God and Israel. So were the Jewish dietary laws. So were the Jewish sacrifices. So was the Levitical priesthood. Ceremonial laws were laws for Jews only.

How different from the moral

law! "Thou shalt not kill"—that is for the whole world. "Thou shalt not commit adultery"—that is for the whole world, too. "Thou shalt not steal"—that too is for all mankind. No nation, no race of people in the world could ever say, "We are the people God commanded not to lie and steal and kill. It is a special sign between our nation and God." Nobody could say that the moral law was given to any particular class of people. It is universal in its scope, and applies to all alike. But of the ceremonial laws the Jews could well say, "We observe circumcision—it is a sign between us and God that we are His separate people. We observe the sacrifices, the feasts, the Jewish dietary laws. They are signs between us and God, given us as a chosen people." And in exactly the same way the Israelites could say, "We are commanded to observe the Sabbath. It is a sign between us and God, a sign that God has set us apart as a separate people to keep ceremonial laws as a shadow or symbol of things to come."

Thus the Jewish Sabbath, Saturday, was clearly part of the ceremonial law.

3. The observance of the Jewish Sabbath, Saturday, is obviously only a ceremonial law since it is not a moral law written in the heart of mankind.

The moral law is universal and God has written it in the hearts of both Jews and Gentiles. Romans 2:14-16 says,

"For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another: in the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel."

You see that Gentiles, even if they never heard the law, never heard the Scripture, never heard a gospel sermon, yet have consciences which bear witness in them. A Negro in Africa who never heard the Gospel knows that it is wrong to kill, to lie, to steal,

to commit adultery with another man's wife. He has an innate sense of right and wrong. That is one reason that heathen people everywhere know that they are sinners. God has written the moral law in their hearts, and though they do not well heed this law, it will bear witness against them in the day of judgment, the Scripture says.

Now a heathen Negro in Africa, or an American Indian, or any savage who never heard the Gospel would know it is wrong to murder, wrong to steal; but would such a heathen savage know by something written in the universal heart of mankind that his boy babies must be circumcised? Would his conscience, which never heard the Scripture nor even heard such a matter mentioned as from God, tell him that it was right to eat beef or mutton but wrong to eat pork? Certainly not. Ceremonial laws were for Jews only and are not written in the hearts of people as is the case with the moral law. And in exactly the same way it is obvious that the Sabbath is ceremonial law. There is nothing in the conscience of people to tell them they must observe one day in seven as a Sabbath, and that this day of rest must be Saturday. No, no heathen ever feels impressed that he must keep the Jewish Sabbath or that he has sinned in not doing so, unless some man has taught him that. Conscience certainly does not teach him that.

Therefore, the Jewish Sabbath, Saturday, is not the moral law written in the heart of mankind. It is ceremonial law, meant for Jews under ceremonial law, and for no one else.

4. The Jewish Sabbath, Saturday, was suitable for Jews in Palestine, but is not suitable for other lands of specially cold winters.

In Exodus 35:3 is this plain command to the children of Israel,

"Ye shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations upon the sabbath day."

A literal translation would be, "Ye shall burn no fire throughout your habitations upon the sabbath day." The word here translated kindle is the Hebrew word *baar* and the simple meaning is to burn. For people to observe the Sabbath, they are simply to have no fire in their houses on the Sabbath day.

Now that was no hardship upon

the Jews in the land of Palestine. It would be a tremendous hardship in the northern part of the United States, in Canada, and in other areas where the temperature goes down to zero and below. The truth is that Seventh Day Adventists and others who insist that we ought to keep the Jewish Sabbath fail in this matter every week. Numbers 15:32-36 tells how a man who picked up sticks on the Sabbath day was stoned at the command of God for breaking that ceremonial law. But if we are commanded to keep that same Sabbath, then Seventh Day Adventists who shovel coal in the furnace are just as guilty. In fact, any one who kindles a fire of any kind on Saturday breaks this ceremonial law. It is foolish to say there is any moral difference in lighting a fire in a stove and lighting a camp fire, or that there is any difference in God's sight between lighting a gas range by turning a knob and lighting a fire other ways when the Bible plainly commands those who are keeping the Sabbath command, "Ye shall kindle (or cause to burn) no fire throughout your habitations upon the sabbath day."

Obviously that is ceremonial law and was intended for Jews in Palestine before the Saviour died. It was never commanded to anybody but Jews, nor in any country but in Palestine.

5. The fifth proof that Sabbath keeping was ceremonial law, and not for Christians, is that the Sabbath day does not come at the same time on a rotating world.

Days are determined by the rotation of the earth. Every time a certain spot on the earth's surface rotates into the light of the sun, it is another day. And whether we begin at midnight or at sunrise, the day begins at a different time on every spot on the earth's circumference. For example, when it is midnight in New York City it is only 11:00 p.m. in Chicago, 10:00 p.m. in Denver, and 9:00 p.m. in Los Angeles. And on the other side of the earth it is twelve hours later or earlier.

Every time a person goes around the earth to the west, the days are

longer, but he loses an entire day, that is, he has one day less than the people had who stayed at home. Every time a man goes around the world to the east, the days are shorter and he passes the sun one more time, and has one more day than the people who stayed at home, two days more than the man who went around the world to the west! The man who stayed at home rotated by the sun the regular number of times. The one who went around westward with the sun missed one time passing the sun, and the man who went around eastward against the sun, passed it one extra time. If all three men were trying to keep every seventh day as a Sabbath, then the man who stayed at home might observe Saturday, the man who went westward would observe Sunday, and the man who went eastward would observe Friday! So you can see that people could not possibly keep the same Sabbath, always observing the seventh day, around the whole world.

For convenience an international date line has been fixed on the map of the Pacific Ocean. On a vessel going west, suppose it is Friday night and just at midnight they come to the international date line. It is time to begin observing the Sabbath. Or if you prefer, have the time at sundown Friday, as the Jews began their Sabbath at sundown. But as the ship comes to the international date line and crosses it, going west, the time changes suddenly from Friday to Sunday! Saturday is eliminated altogether. How then would you keep it for a Sabbath?

Suppose the same ship comes back the next week, approaching the international date line just at the close of Friday, ready to begin the Jewish Sabbath. As they cross the international date line coming east, the time suddenly changes from Friday night to Thursday night. It is the beginning of Friday again instead of the beginning of Saturday! So, people crossing the international date line eastward have two days alike, by our weekly calendar. Going westward they

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Clews Across

- "In the beginning — created the heaven and the earth (Gen. 1:1).
- Writer of the greatest number of books in the Bible.
- A prefix meaning "in"
- Novel
- Perceived by the ear
- Egyptian god of the sun, R —
- Latin word for "man," — i —
- Falsehood
- "— ye therefore, and teach all nations . . ." (Matt. 28:19).
- Gleams
- His father was Simeon the Cyrenian (Mark 15:21).
- A son of Zerubbabel (I Chron. 3:20).
- Gathered together
- Part of a horse's bridle
- A great bell in the Parliament clock tower of London, Big —
- One who utters a discourse.
- Elmodam was his son, an ancestor of Jesus (Luke 3:28).
- A poetic form of Jehovah used in Psalm 68:4.
- Crib
- Italian river
- Laments; express deep sorrow for
- Prohibit or outlaw
- He aided Aaron in holding up Moses' hands until the going down of the sun (Ex. 17:12).
- A direction
- Seasoning
- The apostolic commission is to be witnesses in Jerusalem, —, —, —, Samaria, and all the earth (Acts 1:8).
- River
- King of Bashan (Deut. 3:1)
- 1105 (Roman numeral)
- Cry
- A king of Egypt (II Kings 17:4)
- Naaman was captain of the host of the king of — — — (II Kings 5:1).
- To wink (the eye)
- New England (abbr.)
- A tribe of great people, many and tall (sing.) (Deut. 2:10).
- Labor

Clews Down

- Poti-pherah, the priest of — (Gen. 41:45)
- Satan
- An exclamation
- A son of Bani (Ezra 10:34)
- Den, — a —
- Edition (abbr.)
- A conjunction

- Triumph
- Jacob's firstborn (Gen. 46:8)
- Cash on shipment (abbr.)
- Pagiel was captain of the children of — (Num. 2:27).
- A Babylonian god (Acts 7:43)
- A narrow passage; a strait or defile
- A female domestic fowl
- What the eye does
- A tree of the pine family
- A son of Ruth, the gleaner
- One of the offerings of the congregation of the children of Israel (Ex. 35:20-22)
- A proverb; maxim
- First three letters of a word meaning "destiny," — — — met
- A spring, f — —
- Jeremiah (N. T. spelling) (Matt. 2:17)
- Jesus' enemies smote Him with the — — — of their hands (Matt. 26:67).
- An undeveloped shoot or stem
- International News Service (abbr.)
- Bleat of a sheep
- Embrace
- Eleventh month of the Jewish sacred year, S — — —
- All the law must be fulfilled even to the — — — and tittle (Matt. 5:18).
- A measure of land, — c — —
- Steal
- Energy; force
- Used for anointing and lighting
- Selenium (abbr.)
- Israel was defeated at — — (Josh. 7:2-5).
- Toward

Answer to Puzzle Number 29:

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lose one day entirely. Now shall our Seventh Day Adventist friends fail to observe a Sabbath going west? Coming east shall they observe two Sabbaths, two days in succession? If so, then they are not keeping the seventh day for the Jewish ceremonial command was, "Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God" (Exod. 20:9, 10). If they follow the date line they miss a Sabbath. If not, their seventh day is always different thereafter.

Obviously God never intended this Jewish Sabbath day of rest to be strictly kept by all the world. He did not command it to all the world! He commanded it to Jews in Palestine. Now can you imagine any circumstance of travel making it necessary, even for one time, to worship idols, commit adultery or murder? Certainly not! Moral laws are universal, unchanged by climate, position on the earth or nationality of the people involved. So the Sabbath command is ceremonial law, for Jews only, in the limited area of Palestine, under Judaism.

Palestine is less than one hundred miles across. There is not over four minutes' difference in sun time on the eastern and western edges of Palestine. The rotation of the earth could make no essential difference in the observance of that ceremonial law among the Jews. But it makes the strict observance of it impossible around the whole world. And brother, God knew exactly what He was doing.

The Jewish Sabbath, Saturday, was ceremonial law, not moral law. It was given as a special sign between God and Israel, was never commanded before Mount Sinai when the Mosaic Law was given, was never commanded in the New Testament, and in Colossians 2:14-17 we are plainly commanded not to be judged concerning this law which was a part of the ordinances nailed to the cross of Christ.

Honest Questions for Sincere Seventh Day Adventists to Answer

1. DID YOU KNOW that Seventh Day Adventists do not get all of their teachings from the Bible? They get some of them from other human writings which they believe are as inspired and infallible and binding as the Scriptures themselves. Mrs. E. G. White was called the "Messenger of the Lord." Seventh Day Adventist leaders regard her writings as "inspired." The entire denominational leadership recognize Mrs. White's writings as containing the authentic tenets of its "message" or creed. They have never been officially repudiated, and are the authorized teachings of Seventh Day Adventism. Her writings are regarded as prophecy, and many of the doctrines of Seventh Day Adventists are founded upon her writings and not at all upon Scripture. Where in the Bible is any teaching that keeping Sunday is "the mark of the beast"? Where is there a verse of Scripture that indicates that tithing is essential to salvation, that Seventh Day Adventists alone are the one hundred forty-four thousand Israelites mentioned in Revelation, chapter 7? Where in the Bible does any one get the idea that it is Satan who will in the end bear all the sins of mankind, and that Satan, not Christ, is symbolized by the "scape goat" of Leviticus 16?

Seventh Day Adventism, then, has no right to a place among denominations that accept the Bible alone as the infallible Word of God. It is a heresy, a false cult, with a false basis of authority. No wonder Seventh Day Adventists do not teach the eternal punishment of the wicked in Hell; no wonder they teach that it is a sin to eat meat; no wonder they teach that Christians should keep the ceremonial Sabbath, Saturday, as commanded to the Jews! Like the Mormons, Christian Scientists and Mohammedans, all of whom claim to have other divine revelation from God besides the Bible, they are a false cult. That does not mean there are no Christians among Seventh Day Adventists. It means that their doctrinal basis is not founded upon the Bible alone,

and so the principal Bible doctrines are perverted by the intrusion of man-made doctrines, including the teachings of Mrs. E. G. White.

2. DID YOU KNOW that the most horrible plagues of God are solemnly promised against any who add to the revelation given in the Bible?

Revelation 22:18, 19 solemnly tells us that the book of Revelation closes the canon of divine Scripture, closes the written revelation of God to men. That Scripture says, "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

The terrible curse is that "If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book." No one has a right to add anything as an authoritative part of the written revelation from God. The canon of Scripture closed when John the apostle laid down his pen on the Island of Patmos! And neither has any one a right to take from the canon of Scripture. God Himself finished it through His Apostle John. Seventh Day Adventists, in depending on the writings of Mrs. White, and Mormons in depending on the book of Mormon, and Christian Scientists in depending upon the writings of Mary Baker Eddy, all have violated this stern command of God. They have thus perverted the Gos-

pel and brought upon them terrible curses and plagues.

(If any one doubts that the writings of Mrs. White are counted infallible revelations from God and the basis of doctrine of the Seventh Day Adventist denomination, then ask to see some of her books such as "The Great Controversy," "The Desire of Ages," "The Early Writings of Mrs. White," or "The Spirit of Prophecy." These books are by Mrs. White, the "prophetess" of the Seventh Day Adventist denomination. Or write the General Conference of the Seventh Day Adventist church and ask for an official statement.)

3. DID YOU KNOW that Seventh Day Adventist leaders are conscious of the terrible disrepute of their denomination, and hide their identity, wherever possible, until they gain adherents?

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